

## UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

**Sections Affected:** Proposed amendment to title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 60200, 60201, and 60203, pursuant to sections 39608 and 40925.5 of the Health and Safety Code (H&SC).

**Summary:** Pursuant to section 39606 of the H&SC, the California Air Resources Board (Board or CARB) is charged with the responsibility of adopting standards of ambient air quality for each air basin in consideration of public health, safety, and welfare. The Board has adopted State ambient air quality standards (State standards) for ten pollutants set forth in CCR, title 17, section 70200. The California Clean Air Act in H&SC section 39607(e) requires the Board to establish and periodically review designation criteria which provide the basis for designating areas of California as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-transitional, or unclassified with respect to the State standards.

The Board originally adopted designation criteria in 1989 and has modified them several times since then, the last time in March 2010. The designation criteria are set forth in CCR, title 17, sections 70300 through 70306, and appendices 1 through 3, thereof. Based on these designation criteria, the California Clean Air Act in H&SC section 39608 further requires CARB to establish and annually review area designations for State standards. During the annual review, CARB determines whether changes to the existing area designations are warranted. The designation criteria give the Executive Officer, or his or her delegate, the authority to designate areas as attainment, nonattainment, or unclassified for the State standards and hold a public hearing, if requested, to review any proposed changes to the State standards.

The Board makes area designations for ten pollutants: ozone, suspended particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>), fine suspended particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, sulfates, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and visibility reducing particles. The area designations comprise CCR, title 17, sections 60200 through 60210.

CARB staff reviewed the area designations based on air quality data from 2015 through 2017. Based on this review, the Board adopted amendments which changed the area designations for ozone and nitrogen dioxide. For ozone, in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin, Yuba County and that portion of Sutter County outside of the Sutter Buttes area were redesignated as attainment, and Yolo and Solano Counties were redesignated as nonattainment-transitional. The North Central Coast Air Basin was also redesignated as nonattainment-transitional. The Board also amended the area designation regulations for nitrogen dioxide for a portion of the CA 60 freeway in San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties in the South Coast Air Basin, to nonattainment.

In addition, the Board approved the establishment of two sub-county areas as separate designation areas. These smaller portions, Sutter Buttes in Sutter County in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin, and the CA 60 portion of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties in the South Coast Air Basin, will capture local sources and therefore more accurately reflect air quality in those areas.

The staff proposal was the same as that described in the Initial Statement of Reasons for Proposed Rulemaking (Staff Report) released on December 31, 2018. One comment was received during the public comment period, but was not responsive to the amendments in this rulemaking and no response was necessary.